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City of Charleston Announces Hire of Diversity, Racial Reconciliation, and Tolerance Manager

Charleston, S.C.—The city of Charleston today announced its hiring of Amber Johnson as the first-ever manager of Diversity, Racial Reconciliation, and Tolerance.

Johnson received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Hampton University and a Juris Doctorate from Florida A&M University. She is a licensed attorney with both the South Carolina and Florida Bar Associations and has been practicing law for 7 years.

Mayor John Tecklenburg said, "Since taking the first steps to create this new position, our goal has been to provide an opportunity for the Charleston community to learn more about the diversity challenges that persist and to begin taking concrete steps to resolve them. I look forward to getting to work on that front and am confident that Amber will serve our citizens well in this position."

The Diversity, Racial Reconciliation, and Tolerance Manager position was created as part of the Slavery Apology Resolution passed by City Council in June 2018 to function within the city's Legal Department.

Johnson will begin her work with the city, effective July 22.

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